

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS19178**

The main focus of the proposed legislation is to grant the Board of Veterinary Medicine authority to allow a licensee a one-time opportunity, in an appropriate case, to avoid the stigma and consequences of a formal disciplinary action by simply paying a monetary civil penalty. This option will only be available to a licensee who has committed either a record keeping or continuing education violation, has not been disciplined by the Board within the past five (5) years, is not currently on probation or being investigated by the Board for another violation and complies fully with Board requirements regarding remedying the continuing education or record keeping violation.

The legislation also reorganizes the statute into three (3) concise and clear categories of proceedings: (1) administrative actions, (2) civil court actions and (3) criminal actions. Finally, the proposed legislation clarifies that the remedies specified in the statute are not mutually exclusive.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

None.

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